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Evaluation:

AUSTRIA

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Ghoffer, Stephan Ell (Sp.?): Physic -chemist-Austrian-Jewish refugee.

Formerly with the Curie Institute, Paris,

France.

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Loeb, Dr.:

Austrian. Actually mining engineer somewhere in Balta. Specialty-Mining chemistry.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

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Beck, Dr. Guido:

Described a CZECH.

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Possibly of AUSTRIAN parentage; studied with Bohr; and taught in Russia from 1935-1937 but disliked the Communist "rituals" he kadd to conduct at the beginning of every class. (Asked to leave Russia in 1937 when other foreigners were.) Didn't know to what country he owed allegiance. Subject was sponsored 1934-1935 in this country (U. of Kans.) by the "Emergency Committee for the Relief of Displaced German Scholars." Jewish (liberal), reported ardent hater of the Nazis.

According to another source, BECK was born in Czechoslovakia; asst. to Heisenberg; spent six months with Rutherford at Cambridge. Worked with Kapitza and Joffe and became acquainted with leading Russian physicists while in Russia. From 1938-41 taught at Univ. of Lyons, France. Since 1943 has been at Univ. of Cordoba, Argentina, working in astro-physics termed a "German refugee".

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Evaluation:		A prominent American Physicist does not believe Beck "capable of successfully directing an atomic bomb project".
C- 2	Guth, Dr. (fnu):	Czechoslovak. Buenos Aires. Specialty: analytical chemistry.
FRANC	<u>DE</u>	
C-2	Jourdan, Felix:	French scientist. Anti-American. Ability questionable.
C-2	Labin, Eddunad:	French refugee, a prominent scientist in Argentina who has in recent months expressed increasing interest in the field of atomic research. At present is in charge of the Philips Company's Research Laboratory, as well as chief of the "Practical Workers of Science" faculty in Buenos Aires, where he occupies the Chair of Graduate Mathematical Analysis and General Radio Technique. Has just had completed a series or articles on the liberation of atomib energy.
GERMA	ANY	
C-2	Arete, Dr.:	German. Actually owner of UNIFA, Guayaquil 835, Buenos Aires; Manager of Schering (?) Argentina, Buenos Aires.
F-6	Fester, Dr. Gustavo:	German, naturalized Argentinian. Faculty of Industrial & Agricultural Chemistry, National University of the Litoral, Rosario, Santa Fe. Has devoted himself to the study of certain natural coloring substances
F-6	Gans, Richard:	German physicist. About 55; very good "classical" theoretical physicist; has not actively participated in modern physics developments. Highly regarded by those who know him well. Went to Argentina in the '20's; returned to Germany early '30's. Part Jewish but his friends kept him out of concentration camps. Has two sons who are RETURNING TO ARGENTINA with him.
F-6	Jung, Dr. Walter:	German, naturalized Argentinian. Faculty of Pharmacy and Biochemistry of Tucuman, Inorganic Chemistry. Has studied action of iodates on Hypophophorus acid
C-2	Knie, Dr. (fnu):	German physicist. Known to be an authority on nuclear energy.
C-2	Lieber, Dr.:	German. Studied under Dr. Max Haber, Berlin. Last address: Leandro H. Alem 447 6, Buenos Aires. Specialty: Chemistry.
F-6	Schmid, Dr. Karl:	His German address is: Ulmerstrasse 31, Laupheim, Schwaben, French Zone. The claim is made that "He is a physicist and atom re- search worker and has been in South America for many years and that SCHMID and addressee (unknown) have a good chance to find work "here" - evidently Argentina. No additional information.
C-2	Wurschmidt, Jose:	German. Mathematician. Working under contract in the Physics Inst. of Tucuman. SECRET

Evaluation:

	ITALY	
C-2	Beppo, Levi:	Italian with 10 years! residence in Argentima. Jewish refugee. Doctor in Mathematics. Teaching under contract at Univ. of the Litoral (Rosario, Santa Fe).
C-2	Forti, Angel:	Italian electrical engineer. Reputed to be one of the outstanding authorities on hydro-electric power in Argentina. (name not really legible.)
C-2	Terraccini, Alejandro:	Italian. 10-12 years! residence in Argentina. Doctor in Mathematics. Teaching under contract at Univ. of Tucuman.
	NETHERLANDS	
C-2	Adler, Ing. Ch:	Dutch. Research chemist (in pharmacy, apparently).
	SPAIN	
F-6	Pi y Callejo:	Spaniard: Dr. of Math. Science. Prof., Univ. of Cuyo, Mendozo.
C2	Rebuelto, Emilio:	Civil engineer; Spanish national. 66 years. of age. Prof. Analytical Math., Univ. of Buenos Aires in charge of Math. Seminary of Scientific Society of Argentina.
C-2	Taibo, Dr. (fnu):	Spanish. Actually chemist at Hierro Minas, Buenos Aires. Specialty: chemistry.
	SWITZERLAND	
F6	Piazza, Jose (engineer):	Technological applications of physical chemical principles and certain specific studies. Native Swiss, naturalized Argentinian. Has made a special study of technical problems and has also studied pure problems among which mention should be made of his studies on the precipitation of "aerosoles"

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